

VZCZCXYZ0003
OO RUEHWEB

DE RUEHSO #0015 0111028
ZNR UUUUU ZZH
O 111028Z JAN 08
FM AMCONSUL SAO PAULO
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7816
INFO RHEHNSC/NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHDC IMMEDIATE
RUEHBR/AMEMBASSY BRASILIA PRIORITY 8963
RUEHRI/AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO PRIORITY 8531
RUCPDO/USDOC WASHDC 3002

UNCLAS SAO PAULO 000015

SIPDIS

SIPDIS

STATE INR/R/MR; IIP/R/MR; WHA/PD

DEPT PASS USTR

USDOC 4322/MAC/OLAC/JAFEE
E.O. 12958: N/A
TAGS: [KMDR](#) [OPRC](#) [OIIP](#) [ETRD](#) [BR](#)
SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: PRESIDENT BUSH'S VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST;
SAO PAULO

"Bitter Remembrance"

Liberal, largest circulation daily Folha de S. Paulo editorialized (1/11): "In addition to being late, President George W. Bush's first visit to the Middle East is the crowning of his disastrous policy in that region.... US action strongly helped oil prices skyrocket and become a concern for the world's economy. The US's initially fair response to the September 11 terrorist attacks, with the invasion of Afghanistan and combating Taliban terrorists, was followed by the unjustified war in Iraq, increasing threats against Iran and a series of negative actions.... Bush's visit to the Middle East helps remind how negative has been his influence on the region. Changing that scenario will be one of the main challenges of his successor in the White House."
White